

Oregon Water Resources Department
Water Rights Division

Water Rights Application
Number G-16704

Superseding Final Order

Appeal Rights

Under the provisions of ORS 527.170 and ORS 537.622, the applicant may request a contested case hearing by submitting the information required for a protest under ORS 537.153(6) or ORS 527.621(7) to the Department within 14 days after the date of mailing of this order as shown below. If a contested case hearing is requested, the Department must schedule one. In the contested case hearing, however, only those issues based on the above modifications to the Proposed Final Order may be addressed.

SB 804 allows for additional appeal rights for other than contested case. This is a Final Order in other than a contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 183.484. Any petition for judicial review of this order must be filed within the 60 day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2).

This statement of judicial review rights does not create a right to judicial review of this order, if judicial review is otherwise precluded by law. Where no changes have been made to a Proposed Final Order on a water right application and no protests have been filed during the protest period, the Final Order is not subject to judicial review.

Application History

On June 18, 2009, a Final Order was issued approving Application G-16704. Permit G-16518 was issued.

Subsequently, the Department discovered that the permit requires modification to correctly describe the following measurement, recording and reporting conditions:

~~Permit G-16518 described the following conditions:~~

- A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a totalizing flow meter at each point of appropriation. The permittee shall maintain the meter in good working order.
- B. The permittee shall keep a complete record of the amount of water used each month, and shall submit a record of the measurement to the Department on a form available from the Department. The record of measurement shall include both measurements and calculations, shall include a certification as to their accuracy signed by the individual making the measurements, and shall be received not later than 30 days from the date of measurement. The Department shall determine when any of the declines cited in section (1) are evidenced by the well measurement required in section (2). Further, the Director may

require the permittee to report general water-use information, including the place and nature of use of water under the permit.

- C. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where the meter or measuring device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- D. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.

- (1) Use of water from any well, as allowed herein, shall be regulated if the well displays:
 - (a) An average water level decline of three or more feet per year for five consecutive years; or
 - (b) A total water level decline of fifteen or more feet; or
 - (c) A hydraulic interference decline of fifteen or more feet in any neighboring well providing water for senior exempt uses or wells covered by prior rights.
- (2) The permittee/appropriator shall be responsible for complying with each of the following requirements for measuring water levels in the well(s).
 - (a) Use of water from a new well shall not begin until the initial water level in the well has been measured. A measurement of initial water level shall be made at the time a pump is installed, but before pumping begins.
 - (b) In addition to the measurement required in subsection (a) of this section, a water level measurement shall be made each year at the time of spring high water during the period March 15 through April 15.
 - (c) All water level measurements shall be made by a qualified individual. Qualified individuals include certified water rights examiners, licensed water well drillers, registered geologists, registered professional engineers, registered land surveyors, licensed well constructor, pump installer licensed by the Construction Contractors Board, or the permittee/appropriator.
 - (d) Any qualified individual measuring a well shall use standard methods of procedure and equipment designed for the purpose of well measurement. The equipment used shall be well suited to the conditions of construction at the well. A list of standard methods of procedure and suitable equipment shall be available from the Department.

The conditions as modified in the attached permit are:

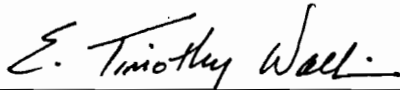
- A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a totalizing flow meter at each point of appropriation. The permittee shall maintain the meter in good working order.
 - B. The permittee shall keep a complete record of the amount of water used each month, and shall submit a report which includes the recorded water use measurements to the Department annually or more frequently as may be required by the Director. Further, the Director may require the permittee to report general water-use information, including the place and nature of use of water under the permit.
 - C. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the meter; provided however, where any meter is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
 - D. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.
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- (e) The permittee/appropriator shall submit a record of the measurement to the Department on a form available from the Department. The record of measurement shall include both measurements and calculations, shall include a certification as to their accuracy signed by the individual making the measurements, and shall be received not later than 30 days from the date of measurement. The Department shall determine when any of the declines cited in section (1) are evidenced by the well measurement required in section (2).

Order

Permit G-16568 is issued to supersede Permit G-16518. Permit G-16518 is of no further force or effect.

DATED August 17, 2009



for Phillip C. Ward, Director
Water Resources Department

This document was prepared by Joel Plahn. If you have any questions about any of the statements contained in this document I am most likely the best person to answer your questions. You can reach me at 503-986-0815.

If you have questions about how to file a protest or a request for standing, please refer to the section in this Final Order entitled "Hearing and Appeal Rights". If you have previously filed a protest and want to know its status, please contact Patricia McCarty at 503-986-0820.

If you have other questions about the Department or any of its programs please contact our Customer Service Group at 503-986-0801.

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